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Dear Parents,

The run up to Christmas is gathering pace in Class 1. The children have been working hard this month and are looking forward to the holidays. Our D.T. project is nearly complete, the children have been using the polystyrene tiles that they designed and made to print repeating patterns onto fabric. The concentration and focus to do this well has been remarkable and the children are very proud of the results. The children will now need to decide what they are planning to make with their fabric and will continue this into next term.

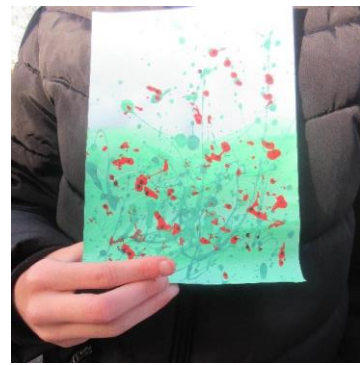


Thank you for having Sunny the Meerkat to stay over the last few weeks. This experience has meant that the Class 1 children have been able to produce some lovely writing based on real experiences. They have been working on different types of sentences, as well as indicating time within their writing. They hope to share some of this writing with you at sharing assembly. Thank you so much for all your effort with Class 1's children's homework. It really does make a difference in increasing their self-esteem, gives them pride in their work and allows them to develop skills and knowledge that they have been taught in school.

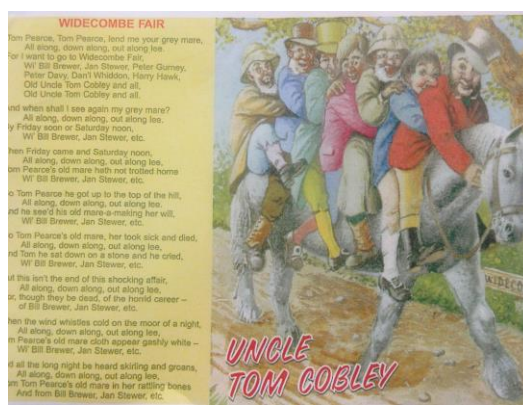
The children have been busy making a sculpture for a display at Exeter Cathedral. Miss Watts took it down last weekend and told us that she was really proud of how lovely it looked amongst the entries from other schools. Well done everyone. If you are in Exeter, please go and have a look at the beautiful displays. The exhibition was launched on 31<sup>st</sup> November and runs over the Christmas period.

As part of their local study work this term, Class 2 have been looking at the artwork of Totnes based artist Yvonne Coomber. They have used some of her scratching, dotting and splashing techniques and discovered the range of colour used to portray emotion in her paintings.

They have used this work as inspiration for their remembrance poppy artwork which was displayed at our remembrance service at Broadhembury war memorial. Thank you to all of those that attended.



For 'Ready, Steady, Write!' this term, the Class 2 children explored the folk song 'Widcombe Fair'. They researched the traditions of Widcombe Fair, its location on Dartmoor and the activities that go on there at the exciting annual event. The children listened to the traditional song, looked at the rhythm, tempo and used instruments to sing along. Next, the children held their own 'Broadhembury Fair' where there was a cake stall, tombola, book stall, ring toss and a pet show. In the afternoon, children wrote poems in the style of 'Widcombe Fair'. They looked at the vocabulary and rhyming patterns in the poem and recreated their own poems using their experiences from 'Broadhembury Fair'.



On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Broadhembury held its second Vision Day based on our vision statement '*Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire*'. The children shared their talents and new things they are doing that they are proud of and wrote them down on the flames shown below. As a school, the children then thought about how they could share the school vision in the community. The children made beautiful Christmas cards and invitations to our Christmas carols in the square, which they plan to deliver by hand around the village.



Thank you all for your continued support.  
God bless and have a lovely weekend.  
*Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Broadhembury CE School*

### Question of the week

**Class One:** If you cannot find something is it really lost?

**Class Two:** For the Advent season this year, how can you give back to your local community?

### BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES

**Archie** - for showing the school value of kindness.

**Mia** - for being a good learner and using some good communication skills.

**Finlay** - for his great participation during music group and for trying his best.

**Joshua** - for his great attitude to learning this week.

**Emmy** - for her hard work in Maths.

**William** - for his considerate behaviour towards others.

**Liam** - for his hard work and independent learning.

**George** - for his hard work in Maths.

### Key Dates

#### Autumn Term 2019

9<sup>th</sup> December- Dance event at HLC for KS2.

10<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Meal.

11<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Play 5.30pm

13<sup>th</sup> December – Hill House Carol Singing- pm.

16<sup>th</sup> December- Christingle.

20<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of school term.

8<sup>th</sup> January- Children return to school.

### Children in Need

For Children in Need this year, the children joined in with 'The Big Move' with Joe Wicks. Everyone got in their favourite sports gear and did some exercise together. Thank you to everyone that took part, we raised £27.51, well done!



### Global Neighbours Award

As part of our efforts to gain the 'Christian Aid Global Neighbours Bronze Award' each month we are talking to the children about charities and organisations that address global injustice.

This month we will be discussing:

- The Trussell Trust Food Bank.
- St Petrock's - For Advent, we are collecting donations of food and toiletries for St Petrock's charity - please see Miss Watts for more information.
- Human Rights Day 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - On this day, please bring £1 to wear your christmas jumper to school!



## Tree Nursery Project

On 15<sup>th</sup> November, the children were lucky enough to have Adam Powell from the Broadhembury Parish Council come into school to talk about trees in the village. They went on a wet and windy walk to the Millenium Garden and learnt about the variety of trees that grow there: Lime, Silver Maple and Himilayan Cedar. Class 2 then explored tree names and their features by creating crosswords to test their friends.



## Hockey, Athletics and Swimming

This month, Class 2 have been very active and sporty! They have taken part in a hockey tournament, an athletics event and continue with their swimming lessons every week, alongside their PE lessons. These are great opportunities for the children to show off their talents outside of the classroom. They are looking forward to their christmas themed dance event next week!



## Wellbeing

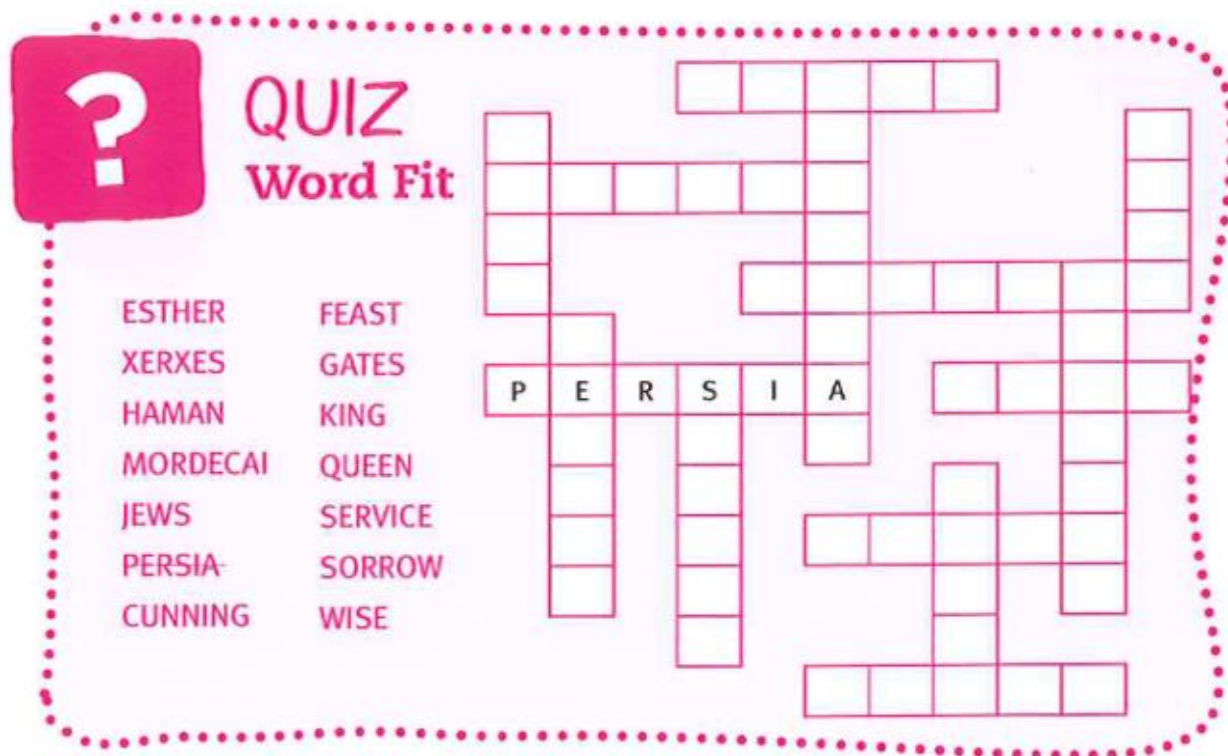
*There has been much press in recent months about children's mental health. As part of our drive to support this we are going to include something each week in the newsletter about Health and Wellbeing. We hope you find this section useful. If you have any topics you would like us to find some helpful tips about please let us know.*

Supporting children through difficult times can be challenging, Childline's website is aimed at children under 12 which provides age appropriate information on topics including bullying, family, friends, feelings, school, abuse and staying safe. It includes games and therapeutic tools for children to play and express how they are feeling. Please follow the website address below to access the information.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/kids>

### Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Service. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.



### Competition

The Donkey Sanctuary are running a Christmas card competition. If you would like your child to take part please go to the Donkey Sanctuary website.